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More Rare Maps

Margin of Excellence
Aided by New Donation

At a campus ceremony on Thursday, September 21, Dr. Harold L. Osher and his wife Peggy L. Osher of Portland announced the donation to USM of their collection of rare maps, atlases and related cartographic materials dating back to the late 1400s. The Harold L. and Peggy L. Osher Map Collection will be housed in a section of the planned new USM Portland library along with the L.M.C. Smith Collection of antique maps and globes, donated to USM by the late Mrs. L.M.C. Smith of South Freeport and Philadelphia in 1986.

The Osher Collection features maps based on early exploration of the Americas. The collection, dating from the late 1400s through the 19th century, includes more than 600 separate maps, along with several thousand additional maps and charts contained in atlases, histories and similar publications.

Dr. Osher, former director of cardiology at Maine Medical Center, and his wife began assembling the collection 15 years ago. They originally focused on maps of what is now Maine and New England but gradually expanded their collection to include the entire world.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to share our collection with the academic community at USM and with the general public served by this fine university," said Osher. "Our visits to map libraries elsewhere impressed on us their immense contribution to the academic and cultural resources of a city. This led us to wonder whether it might be possible to establish such a facility in Portland. The Smith gift three years ago convinced us that it was not only feasible, but that it could be first-rate, combining as it does, a distinguished collection with an outstanding educational institution. We are therefore delighted to be part of this enterprise," Osher said.

George R. Parks, USM librarian, observed that the Osher and Smith collections complement each other

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Appointments in Student Affairs

New Director of Admissions

Daniel Palubniak, former associate director of the Office of University Undergraduate Admissions at Rutgers University in New Jersey, has been named as USM's new director of admissions.

Palubniak, who was chosen from a pool of 39 candidates, will be responsible for bringing leadership to the office of undergraduate admissions. Goals for the admissions office for the coming year include strengthening relationships with faculty and deans, developing a vigorous enrollment management plan for the university, and fine tuning admissions publications, according to Larry Benedict, vice president for student affairs.

At Rutgers, Palubniak managed a staff of 40 employees in the review of 35,000 applicants annually to the state school. He participated in the research and design of recruitment strategies and admissions policy and directed all aspects of the data processing operation for the Rutgers admissions office. Palubniak had been at Rutgers since 1973.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a master's in student personnel services from Trenton State College in New Jersey.

Palubniak began in his new position on October 1.

New Director of Advising and Academic Information

On September 1 Lawrence S. Bliss assumed the position of director of the Office of Advising and Academic Information, replacing Richard Sturgeon who last year was named executive director of Development and External Affairs.

Bliss, who is a doctoral candidate in educational administration and

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Harold and Peggy Osher show a small selection of their rare maps to President Plante at the September 21 ceremony on the Portland campus. The Oshers announced that they are donating their collection to USM.

Caswell photo

Looking at Latin America

Lectures on the economic status of women in the Caribbean and Cuban communism are among events scheduled for early October as part of USM's Convocation, "Worlds in Flux: Latin America," a year-long exploration of Latin American cultures.

Carmen Diana Deere, professor of development economics, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, will discuss "Economic Crisis in the Caribbean: Its Impact on Women," at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, October 13 in Room B of the Portland Campus Center. Cuban diplomat Manuel Davis will present "Communism in Cuba," at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, in Rooms A, B, and C, Campus Center, Portland. Davis will participate in an informal chat with a class at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 17, in Room 403, Luther Bonney Hall, Portland.

"Southern Exposure," an exhibit of textiles, wood carvings and ceramics from Latin America will be on display through Friday, October 27 in the Portland Campus Center's AREA Gallery.

"Southern Exposure" is the second AREA Gallery exhibit supporting Convocation. The exhibit features representative pieces from Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, Brazil and other Latin American countries. Wall hangings, rugs, clothing and other textiles will be hung during the entire exhibit; ceramic wares on display will change weekly.

The AREA Gallery is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information contact the Office of Student Activities at 780-4090.

Convocation's video documentary series continues with presentations at 12 noon in Room C, Campus Center in Portland, of "Kings for a Day," (Brazil Carnival), on Thursday, October 12; and "Argentina, Frustrated Colossus," on Thursday, October 19.

Later in the month, Ileana Rodriguez, former head of the National Library of Nicaragua, will be in residence at USM. Rodriguez, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego, is a linguist and a sociologist. She has lived in both Cuba and Nicaragua and has written extensively about the Nicaraguan revolution. She will be on campus from Monday, October 23 through Friday, October 27.

For more information on events, contact University Relations at 780-4440 or Professor Fred Padula, Convocation Scholar, at 780-4392.



Robin Lisherness, playing an elderly poet, points out the beauties of life to Mary Ellen O'Hara and Joshua Chard in Tennessee Williams' play, "The Night of the Iguana" in the Russell Square Theatre production at 8 p.m. on October 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21; and at 5 p.m. on October 15 and 22. Tickets are \$6 general admission; \$5 for seniors, USM faculty and staff. Call 780-5483 for reservations/information. *Erhun photo*

Campus Notes

■ "Euripides' Adolescent Heroes and Quasi-Heroes," a lecture by William Arrowsmith, renowned professor of classics at Boston University, will be presented as part of the Honors Program's fall lecture and events series, "The Ancient World: Origin(al) Searches II." Arrowsmith will discuss Euripides' four final plays, the "Phoenician Women," "Orestes," "Bacchae," and "Iphigenia at Aulis," at 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 19 in Luther Bonney Auditorium, Portland. Call 780-4330 for more information.

■ "Leadership in Higher Education—Ingredients for Success," a panel discussion sponsored by the Professional Staff Senate, will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. on Monday, October 16 in Rooms A, B, and C, Campus Center, Portland. President Plante will give introductory remarks. The panel will include John Deegan, vice president for academic affairs; Helen Parker, associate director of financial aid; and Susan Swain, assistant director of media relations. Contact Pam Edwards if you plan to attend at 780-5340.

■ The Art Gallery on the Gorham campus is featuring three print collections, October 1 through 19. Master printers Thomas Black and Richard Wilson of T. E. Black Studio in New York City are represented in the Gallery as both artists and printers. Besides their own original art work, 13 prints published by USM and printed by T.E. Black are on display. These are pieces by 12 artists connected to USM, as faculty members, alumni or through previous exhibits, including Abby Shahn, Eric Hopkins, Juris Ubans, Michael Moore, Patt Franklin and George Burke. Continuing on display is a set of vintage Japanese woodblock prints on loan from the Maurine and Robert Rothschild collection. The Art Gallery is open from 12 to 4 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. For more information, call 780-5009.

■ The Gorham Regional Federal Credit Union, a continuation of the old UMPG Federal Credit Union, serves 262 university colleagues with monthly payroll deductions exceeding \$118,000. It offers close proximity to the Gorham campus at 375 Main St., Gorham; a low \$25 minimum checking balance; and a low membership fee of \$1. Call 839-5588 for information.

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extremely well. "There is very little, if any, duplication," he said. "There are recognized long-established cartographic collections in the country, among them the John Carter Brown Library at Brown University and the Newberry Collection in Chicago," said Parks. "We now outdistance any other collection started in this century, particularly among collections which focus on early exploration of the Americas."

University of Maine System Chancellor Robert L. Woodbury joined President Patricia R. Plante and the Oshers at the Thursday morning ceremony. Woodbury served as USM president when the Smith Collection was received. He said that donations such as these gifts from the Oshers and the Smiths were of prime importance in giving the university a margin of excellence. President Plante said, "I'm particularly pleased that these collections will be an integral part of our library, the intellectual heart of a quality university."

Research Update

USM's Human Services Development Institute will assist the Family Planning Association of Maine develop an adolescent AIDS education program as the result of a three-year grant recently funded by the UNUM Charitable Trust Foundation. The subcontract to HSDI over the three years of the project will total \$38,000. Debby Deatrack, research associate, will serve as project director. She will work with a team of researchers.

The USM School of Nursing has been awarded for the fifth consecutive year a Professional Nurse Traineeship Grant. The grant comes from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$17,499 for the 1989-90 academic year. The grant application was written by Martha Skoner, assistant professor and chair of the graduate department. Kathleen I. MacPherson, acting dean, will distribute the funds to selected masters level students.

Rosemary Johnson, assistant professor of nursing, received the second Nurse Scholar Award, a two-year appointment which includes a stipend and 1/3 release time for health promotion. Johnson was chosen by a committee of faculty and administrators by proposal.

Michael S. Hamilton, assistant professor of political science, has been awarded a grant for the second year by the Section on Environmental and Natural Resources of the American Society for Public Administration to complete an edited book on "Regulatory Federal-



The Los Angeles Piano Quartet—cellist Peter Rejto, pianist James Bonn, violinist Joseph Genualdi and violist Ronald Copes—will perform at 8 p.m. on Friday, October 20 at Corthell Concert Hall in Gorham. The concert will feature "The King of the Sun" (1988) by Stephen Hartke; Mozart's Piano Quartet in g minor, and Brahms's Piano Quartet in A Major. The concert is sponsored by the Portland Concert Association in collaboration with USM's Cultural Affairs Committee and the Music Department. Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$7 USM staff, faculty and senior citizens; and \$5 students. Contact the Portland Concert Association at 772-8630 or the USM Concert Manager at 780-5256 for more information.

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William W. Wells Jr., director of the Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library and associate professor of law, is the author of the Maine Legal Research Guide, just published by Tower Publishing Co. of Portland. The volume will be of value to lawyers, judges, and others using Maine legal materials. It contains detailed instructions on the use of the principal sources, including computerized data bases, and a bibliography of other materials.

Gale Rhodes, professor of chemistry, spent two months this summer at the University of Minnesota working to determine the structure of an enzyme involved in the breakdown of fatty acids in mammals. He was supported by a Research Opportunities Award of \$15,000 from the National Science Foundation.

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evaluation at University of California, Berkeley, holds a master's in urban public administration from the University of California, Riverside. He comes to USM from San Francisco State University where over the last 10 years he has held positions as coordinator of New Student Programs, director of Advisement Services, director of Student Activities and activities advisor for Student Activities. Bliss served as a workshop facilitator at two conferences of the Joint Legislative Committee on Higher Education in California; on the planning committee for the 1988 national conference of the National Orientation Directors Association and on their Western Regional Steering Committee; and as faculty advisor to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Bliss noted that the strength of his department is its staff, which he described as "highly skilled and highly competent." According to Bliss, his goals are to strengthen ties between USM's faculty and Academic Advising; to help make the advising process easier and more productive; and to help the USM community understand how to make better use of his department.



Kenneth Kolson (left) acting director of the Division of Education Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities met with Joseph Conforti (right front) and the faculty of the New England Studies program in late September to discuss curriculum development. New England Studies received a second grant from the Endowment to fund a workshop, held in May and June, on course development for the program. Scholars from Clark University, Tufts University and the University of Notre Dame worked with our faculty in the study of classic New England texts. Grant activities will continue through the year. The \$25,000 grant continued program development supported by the original grant last year of \$50,000. It is unusual for the Endowment to fund the same program twice.

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What We're Doing

PARKER B. ALBEE JR., associate professor of history, has been invited to present his paper, "Samuel Eliot Morison and Lincoln Colcord: An Introduction to Their Correspondence and Friendship," at the ninth Naval History Symposium at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis on October 19. He also presented a paper, "Lincoln Colcord as Maritime Historian," during the annual Maritime History Symposium at the Maine Maritime Museum in May.

ROBERT ATKINSON, director of the Center for the Study of Lives and assistant professor of human resource development, presented a paper, "The Study of Lives and Personal Mythmaking," at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in New Orleans, last August.

SARAH A. BROWN, research associate, Human Services Development Institute, made two presentations at the National Child Support Enforcement Association's annual conference in Los Angeles on August 27-31. The presentations, "Working with Young Fathers" and "Child Support Services for Young Families," concerned her research with the federally funded demonstration grant, the Maine Young Fathers Project.

ROBERT S. CASWELL, director of the Office of Media Relations, was re-elected to the board of directors of the Maine Press Association at their annual fall conference, held last month in Rockport. Caswell also was a panelist on a presentation, "PR and the Press: Allies or Adversaries?"

GLORIA S. DUCLOS, professor of classics, presented a paper, "The Role of Classics in Interdisciplinary Courses: A Case Study," at the annual meeting of the American Classical League, held at McMaster College in June. She offered a mini-course on Virgil's "Fourth Eclogue," at the CANE Summer Institute at Dartmouth College in July. Duclos continues to serve as chair of the College Board Latin Achievement Test Committee for 1989-90.

KAREN ERICKSON, assistant professor of political science, was an invited participant in a seminar and ceremonies in Washington D. C., held by the U.S. Department of State and the Embassy of Finland, marking the 70th anniversary of U.S.-Finnish diplomatic relations.

JOSEPH GRANGE, professor of philosophy, presented workshop papers on the relation between beauty, urban experience and environmental ethics, at the Sixth International EAST/WEST Philosophers Conference held at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

ELIZABETH H. KILBRETH, associate director of Human Services Development Institute, Public Policy and Management Program, testified at a hearing convened on August 9 at Bangor City Hall by Senator George J. Mitchell, which examined the problem of people who lack adequate health insurance.

EDWIN P. KULAWIEC, associate professor of education, had his article, "Yanoosh Who-o-o? On the Discovery of Greatness," published in the August, 1989 issue of the Harvard Educational Review.

VALARIE C. LAMONT, director of the Institute for Real Estate Research and Education, was the guest speaker at the Bethel Rotary on September 19, where she spoke on the relationship between affordable housing and the economy. She was also an organizer for and commentator at the Bethel Conference on Affordable Housing, "Taking Steps Toward Housing," held at the Bethel Inn Conference Center, on September 23. She attended the Real Estate Center Directors meeting, September 7-9, in West Palm Beach, Fla., where she spoke on research and educational activities at the USM Institute.

CHARLES M. LYONS, associate professor of education, has been appointed by Governor McKernan to a seat on the Maine Mental Health Planning Council.

LYNNE MILLER, associate professor of educational administration/instructional leadership, was a symposium speaker on "Urban University/Urban Schools," at a convocation celebrating the 24th anniversary of the University of Massachusetts-Boston on September 13. Miller and **RICHARD E. BARNES**, associate professor of educational administration will discuss "What Should School Board and Council Members Know About the Restructuring of Schools to Better Serve the Changing Needs of Students," at the Cumberland County Conference for Municipal and School Officials on November 9.

WILLIAM G. MORTENSEN, director of Continuing Studies, has been appointed to the Portland Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, Inc.

JANET PATTERSON, assistant director, Continuing Education for Business, was elected recording secretary of the Casco Bay Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY, assistant professor of art, created a special installation for his show at the Hudson River Museum Palisades Gallery, Yonkers, N.Y. in September.

WILLIAM H. SLAVICK, professor of English, spoke on the history and challenge of Catholic peacemaking at Notre Dame Church in Waterville on August 9. He spoke on the Pax Christi peace movement at the Peace Celebration at Green Acres in Eliot on July 1.

WILLIAM STURNER, professor of management, received the "Founder's Medal" from the Creative Education Foundation for "distinguished leadership in creativity." He recently presented an experiential workshop on "The Innovative Organization" at the annual conference of the Association for Humanistic Psychology at Stanford University.

DAVID WAGNER, assistant professor of social work, had his article, "The Fate of Idealism in Social Work: Alternative Experiences of Professional Careers," published as the lead article in the September 1989 issue of Social Work. Social Work's editor, Ann Hartman, framed her editorial around the findings Wagner reported in his article.

JAMES L. WRIGHT, vocational education in-service staff developer and assistant professor of vocational education, recently delivered a lecture titled, "Trends in Management Theory," to a session of the New England Association of City and Town Clerks at the Sonesta Hotel, Portland.

USM Called To Help

Once again, it is that time of year when we need to join others in our community and help those in need through the United Way. Thanks to your help last year, over 115,000 people in the Greater Portland area were served by the United Way through 40 member agencies.

Beth Warren, associate vice president for Human Resources, will continue this year as Campaign Manager. Please help by returning pledge cards in a timely fashion.

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